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MR. GUY'S NEW POST

THANET LOSES PRINCIPAL OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Principal of the Thanet Technical Institute, Mr. E. Guy, M.Sc., is leaving to take up a similar appointment at Gravesend.

A member of the staff of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, until 1936, Mr. Guy has been connected with further education in the district since 1924 and the Technical Institute evening classes have made great headway under his guidance.

The Thanet Junior Instruction Centre for unemployed boys and girls, opened at New Crown-street, Margate, last year under his direction, has proved a definite success and this year Mr. Guy was also largely responsible for the inauguration of the Thanet Squadron of the Air Training Corps.

While living at Ramsgate Mr. Guy at one time took a leading part in the councils of the Thanet Liberal Party and was chairman of the Ramsgate Swimming Club. He is also chairman of the Ramsgate Council of Social Service.

BLACK-OUT TO-DAY FROM 10.27 p.m. TILL 5.45 a.m.

OIL STOVES IN THE TUNNEL

Shelter Regulations Defied

RAMSGATE RINGLEADERS PROSECUTED

A warning that, if people refused to obey the regulations made in respect of the tunnel shelters, powers could be obtained to compel them to remove from the district, was given by the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) at Ramsgate police court on Friday.

The magistrates had before them the first prosecutions for infringement of the regulations.

Robert Turtle, of Mabel Villa, Alliance-road, William Goldsmith, of Hibernia-street, George Sleith, of Shaftesbury-street, and Hilda Williamson, of Meeting-street, were summoned for taking oil stoves into the tunnels without permission from the local authority on 28th June.

Mrs. Williamson, who pleaded not guilty, was the only defendant present in court.

In a letter to the magistrates, read by the Assistant Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight), Turtle said he would be unable to attend as he was engaged on Government work. The oil stove had been out of the tunnel since it was broken by a workman over a month previously and he had been sleeping at home ever since.

Goldsmith explained in a letter that he took his stove away about three weeks previously. He asked for the stove so that he could make a cup of tea. He had to leave Ramsgate for work at 4.30 a.m. and it was a long time to go from 4.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. without a cup of tea. His money was only £3 7s. a week and he had been bombed out twice.

In a further letter Sleith said he wrote to Clarendon House stating that he left the tunnel at 6 a.m. and did not return until 8 p.m., including Saturdays and Sundays, and he only wanted the stove so that he could get a cup of tea before he went to work. The letter he received in reply still did not say that he could not use the stove. He wrote a further letter asking for permission to use the stove but received no further reply. The stove was taken away while he was not there so he brought it back and put it in the cubicle.

Stoves Brought Back.

Shelter Warden Frederick George Howard said all the oil stoves were removed on 28th June and he subsequently found stoves in the cubicles occupied by the defendants. He had previously warned Mrs. Williamson that the stove must be removed.

Mrs. Williamson said the cubicle was occupied in the name of her father, Mr. McGrath.

In reply to the Assistant Clerk, defendant admitted that she took the stove into the tunnel after it had been removed, but she did so on behalf of her father. She alleged that the shelter warden spoke to her in a domineering way.

Mrs. Williamson said when papers were given out in the tunnel about complaints and grievances she filled one up and took a stove down there because of the condition of her father. The canteen was half a mile away from the cubicle. She asked if she could keep the stove until some heating apparatus was installed, but got no reply.

"It it a crime to take a stove into the tunnel?" asked defendant.

Mr. Knight: Yes, and you may be fined £100 for doing so.

Defendant: Are we entitled to any warmth down there?

Mr. Knight: I can't tell you. Only such as is provided by the Council, or what they permit.

Defendant: My father has been a ratepayer in the town for 50 years. Isn't some consideration shown for these people?

Mr. Knight: The rules must apply to everyone.

Appeal to Regional Commissioner.

The Chief Constable said that, as the magistrates were aware, conditions in the tunnel some time ago became such that the local authority thought it necessary to make an appeal to the Regional Commissioner for the issue of some regulations in order to control conditions down there. In February of this year regulations were approved by the Regional Commissioner. Every attempt was made to try and induce the people down there to comply with the regulations with regard to oil stoves. This was a very contentious matter but he was glad to be able to say that the majority co-operated with the local authority in seeing that the regulations were observed.

"But there were certain people who took a most defiant attitude," continued the Chief Constable. "I have selected four who have been leaders of this defiance, and brought them before the court. The local authority has done everything possible to try and help the people of the town in the matter of shelter accommodation. They have gone to the limit that is possible. They have endeavoured to do everything possible for their comfort. Unfortunately some of them, a minority I am glad to say, have an idea they can do just what they like and so bring about a condition that is likely not only to be detrimental but dangerous to health as well.

Open Defiance.

"These are the four worst cases," proceeded the Chief Constable. "They have been appealed to and have refused to comply with the regulations. Mrs. Williamson is one of the most defiant and insulting of the whole lot. She is also abusive to those in authority down there. They have openly defied the local authority, who have given them every opportunity to comply. I think you will agree this cannot be tolerated. If these misguided people think they can control these tunnels themselves and do what they like they will receive a rude shock. They are permitted down there by the local authority and the local authority have the power to take away from them the use of the cubicles.

"If this prosecution is not successful in bringing about the desired result the local authority then has power to withdraw permits to use the cubicles. If that measure fails and the people go down there and create a disturbance further measures still will probably be taken.

Power of Removal.

"It may be enlightening to them to know that application can be made to a higher authority for an order calling upon those persons to remove from this area. If they think they can defy the local authority and make it as unpleasant as possible they are very much mistaken. I ask you to support the local authority in their endeavours to try and carry out the regulations. There are only a few people concerned but I suggest this is not a case where any sympathy can be extended to them," continued Mr. Butler.

Referring once again to the attitude adopted by Mrs. Williamson, the Chief Constable said that to save people's feelings summonses were served by police officers in plain clothes. When the summons was served on defendant she wanted to know why the officer was in uniform and demanded to see his warrant card. She told him she would go to court and have a lot to say about it.

Abuse to be Stopped.

"The attitude of this young woman has been most reprehensible," said the Chief Constable. "I have experienced some of it myself. I am sorry to say there are a certain element who think they can be as abusive as possible to the wardens and police. That has got to stop. I am determined they shall not be abused when endeavouring to carry out their obligations, which are not pleasant. It is an unpleasant duty."

The chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that defendants would each be fined 10s., and the bench were in full agreement with the views expressed by the Chief Constable.

"Ramsgate is very fortunate in having such tunnels," said the chairman. "The regulations have been drawn up for the proper administration of the tunnels and they must be carried out. We cannot have anyone taking up a position that they can do what they like. We are at war. We are determined to see that the regulations are carried out."

The chairman warned Mrs. Williamson, who was given a week in which to pay the fine, not to be abusive to the shelter wardens in future.

Appeal to Regional Commissioner.

HEALTHY AND HAPPY

RECTOR'S VISIT TO BROADSTAIRS CHILDREN

Describing his recent visit to Stafford and Tamworth in the August issue of Broadstairs Church Magazine, the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Bailey, says :

"You will be glad to know that I found our boys and girls looking very well, bright, well-clothed and happy. I had not time to go into many of their billets, but those that I did were very nice, clean homes with good gardens, and very kindly foster-parents. I visited two schools in Stafford and, thanks to Mr. Stade's kind guidance, practically all the schools in Tamworth. The Staffordshire teachers were very kind and hospitable, and nearly all the buildings quite excellent, with good grounds and gardens; indeed, they made me rather envious. . . .

"I am quite sure that if their boys or girls are normally healthy and strong, parents are doing their duty by their children more faithfully by leaving them with their schools than by allowing them to hang about at home spoiling their education."

Councillor Killed in Lunch Time Raid

Firemen Escape From Wrecked Rest Room

Taking advantage of cloud cover, a German raider, which crossed the coast at lunch-time on Sunday, dropped bombs on a south-east coast town.

Considerable damage was done to houses and shops, a man was killed and a few people were injured.

It was the first daylight raid on Britain reported for seven weeks.

The raider, which attacked from cloud cover, was believed to be a Dornier "Flying Pencil." It was met by a hail of fire from the ground defences, and swooping low to keep beneath the fire, made off in the direction of the French coast after dropping its load of heavy bombs.

Fortunately the raid took place at lunch-time, when most people were indoors. Had there been many people in the streets at the time casualties would have been far heavier, for broken glass and debris were hurled over a wide area.

The only fatal casualty—a Justice of the Peace and member of the local Urban District Council—was killed when a bomb scored a direct hit on his house.

His wife, who was in a bedroom at the back of the house, was rescued suffering only from shock and minor injuries, and was taken to a first-aid post for treatment.

Quiet Sunday Surprise.

Mrs. Hayter, who lives opposite, said: "I had just remarked that this was the quietest August Bank Holiday Sunday we had known since we had lived at the seaside, when I heard the bombs come screaming down. Our windows were shattered and the ceilings came down, but fortunately we were not hurt."

The windows of a nearby ex-service men's club were also blown out.

Some miraculous escapes were experienced when a library was damaged and some adjoining buildings demolished.

Rest Room Wrecked.

Eight firemen were in a rest room, the corner of which was blown right away. Several of the men were actually on the stairs on their way down to take cover, when the bomb exploded.

Station Officer Sidney W. Latchford was taken to hospital suffering from shock and a cut head. A colleague, Mr. Arthur Masters, who sustained cuts to the face, arm and knee, was also taken to hospital for treatment.

"It is nothing short of a miracle that so many of us escaped unhurt," said one of the men.

Mr. A. Bates owed his life to the fact that he was on a visit to a son in an adjoining town.

"It is my usual custom on Sundays to sit down after lunch and read the paper or listen to the wireless," he said. "When I got back I found that the room in which I would normally have been sitting had disappeared. I don't think anyone could possibly have escaped from it alive."

Girl's Life Saved.

The presence of mind of Mr. J. C. Bell, an ambulance corps commandant, saved both his own life and that of Miss Joan Wrathall, who was on her way to visit relatives in an adjoining town.

"I had just put my car away in the yard," said Mr. Bell. "As I was leaving the yard I met Miss Wrathall and she was telling me that her father's home had been damaged in a raid on another district.

"Hearing a plane I looked up and saw the German machine swooping down. It seemed to be spitting out machine-gun bullets. I pulled Miss Wrathall to the ground and covered her head with my body and arms. The bombs screamed down and one fell on either side of us, about 30 feet away. The protection afforded by a wall saved our lives."

Mr. Bell's car caught fire and was destroyed.

Miss Wrathall sustained superficial scalp and leg wounds and as he ran to get some supplies in order to administer first-aid treatment Mr. Bell ran a nail into his foot. He also sustained slight cuts on the hands.

The occupants of a flat which was damaged by blasts were treated for cuts and shock.

Saved by Doors.

A bomb which exploded in a road blew away the side of a house. The occupants, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bishop, were rescued suffering from shock and minor injuries.

"I was sitting in the dining-room reading the paper," said Mr. Bishop, "when my wife, who was in the scullery washing up, called to me and said 'Look at this plane. It's got something tied behind it.' I went to have a look and then the bomb exploded and the dining-room collapsed. I was between two doors and that saved my life."

Mr. Bishop was buried up to his chest in rubble. He was rescued suffering from shock, and his wife sustained a cut knee.

Mr. William Chrystal, a clerk, who was working in a building nearby, sustained cuts to the head and hands.

Another bomb, which fell in the grounds at the back of a Roman Catholic Church, did very little damage.

The windows of many shops were broken and throughout the afternoon the traders and many willing helpers were engaged in salvaging their stocks.

Once again no praise can be too high for the efforts of the A.R.P. organisation, which was working under most difficult circumstances. The thorough training the personnel have received in the past stood them in good stead and the streets were cleared in an amazingly short time.

A typical example of the response made by everyone concerned was provided by a member of the police war reserve.

Living close to the spot where one of the bombs dropped, the ceiling came down and got mixed up with the dinner he was eating. Within a few seconds he was out on duty, in uniform, directing traffic.

WHAT THE GERMANS SAY

The German news agency announced on Sunday evening that "a number of bombers took part in an attack on Broadstairs, near Margate, and made a specially successful attack on the station."

Sergeant Observer S. W. BROOKS

RAMSGATE AIRMAN KILLED IN ACTION

An old boy of Chatham House School, Sergt./Obs. Wilfred Stanley Brooks, R.A.F., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Brooks, of 68 High-street, Ramsgate, has lost his life in air operations. The parents received the tragic news of his death by telegram on Thursday last.

Twenty-four years of age, Sergt./Obs. Brooks joined the R.A.F. two months before the outbreak of war, after having been employed on the office staff of Messrs. Morrison and Simpson, motor engineers. A popular member of the Technical Institute cricket and football teams, he had also appeared on local concert platforms as an accordian player.

Having served with the R.A.F. in France in the earlier part of the war, Sergt./Obs. Brooks had since taken part in several bombing operations over Germany.

His younger brother is serving in the Royal Engineers.

The funeral will take place at Ramsgate Cemetery to-morrow afternoon, the young airman's body having been brought to his home town for interment.

THINGS ETERNAL

ARCHBISHOP AT RAMSGATE

Ninety-four years ago, when Christ Church, Ramsgate, was consecrated, Britain was entering on an era which promised to be one of peace and plenty.

To-day, nearly a century later, there is raging a war the like of which mankind has not previously seen.

Preaching at Christ Church on Sunday the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Lang, said the object of his visit was two-fold. Firstly it was to commemorate the consecration of the church 94 years previously and secondly to give some encouragement to their Vicar (the Rev. P. M. Townead), who had succeeded in a most faithful ministry among them. He hoped also to bring some encouragement to the people of the parish and other people of Ramsgate in these times of very great difficulty and stress.

The Archbishop took as his text the words of St. Paul : "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Urging the congregation to dwell on the things which were eternal, his Grace said they would thereby gain greater strength to face the difficulties which might yet confront them.

An extended report of the service will be published in our Friday edition.

DEATH OF MR. F. J. BOBBY

The death occurred at Easthourne, on Monday, of Mr. F. J. Bobby, of Margate.

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CAPT. BALFOUR FLIES BACK IN BOMBER

Thanet's M.P., Capt. Harold Balfour, M.C., Under-Secretary for Air, has returned to England after making a flying tour of R.C.A.F. training schools in Canada and visiting training establishments in the United States.

Capt. Balfour, who was away for three weeks, made the return journey from Canada in a bomber. He was accompanied by Mr. W. W. Wakefield, M.P., his Parliamentary Private Secretary.

The tour entailed flying approximately 20,000 miles, and the area covered ranged from the Rockies to Nova Scotia and southwards from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

During his time in Canada, Capt. Balfour conferred with members of the Canadian Government and the R.C.A.F. on matters connected with training in the Dominion.

A visit of two days was made to Washington and thence in a United States Army Air Corps communication aircraft to Alabama and Florida. On this part of the tour, which was for the purpose of seeing some of the United Kingdom trainees at work at the flying training schools recently opened for their use, Capt. Balfour was accompanied by Gen. Brett, of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

DUE DILIGENCE

LIGHTING SUMMONS DISMISSED

Because the magistrates were satisfied that the light was left burning without his knowledge and that he exercised due diligence to see that the order was complied with, a summons against Cyril Albert Shaxted, aged 48, corn and fodder merchant, of Dane Park-road, for permitting a light to show during the black-out, was dismissed at Ramsgate police court on Friday.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

P/C Close said at 11.15 p.m. on 22nd July he was in Portland-court when he saw a light shining from a fanlight over the top of some stables. He secured a ladder, climbed into the loft, and turned off the light.

Defendant said the light must have been put on by a person other than one of his employees for no one entered the building from 18th July until the time when the light was found. The only explanation he could give was that someone must have found access to the building and turned on the light. The upper part of the building was left open so that a fire would be seen in the event of incendiary bombs being dropped. If someone had not entered the premises and turned on the light it would have been seen before 22nd July.

The chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry): May we take it you are very careful your employees don't leave lights on?

Defendant: I am sure of it.

Mr. Perry: Our attention has been called to this "It shall be a defence for defendant to prove that contravention of the Order occurred without his knowledge, and he exercises due diligence to secure compliance with the Order." On those grounds we dismiss the case.

MR. C. A. ROBERTS

GAS COLLECTOR'S LONG SERVICE

Many of our readers will be surprised to learn that Mr. Chas. A. Roberts, who has been the official collector for the Broadstairs Gas Company for nearly 30 years, has now retired on reaching the age of 65 years.

His popularity among the members of the employees of the company was expressed last week when his colleagues made him a very useful present at a farewell gathering.

IN ENEMY HANDS

A list received from enemy sources of British prisoners of war includes the names of Pte. George Richards, aged 38, of Broadstairs, and Gnrs. Bernard Hill, aged 21, Dennis Miller and Reginald Neal, of Ramsgate, who are stated to be interned in Greece.

SCALE OF CHARGES.

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A WISE POLICY

KEEPING OPEN THE SCHOOL DOORS

Mr. J. E. Bird, headmaster of St. Peter's boys' school, who has taken up a similar war-time appointment at Dartford, writes in the August issue of St. Peter's Church news-sheet:

"After a period in touch with the majority of the boys in their reception area at Tamworth, followed by a few months in the cherry orchards of Kent, I have since December been in charge of the supervision scheme at the village schools. There, attending voluntarily, almost all the children of school age have received steadily increasing periods of instruction: there have been many problems because of the varied capacities of the children and it must be recognised that the lengthy interruption of normal routine had had an unsettling effect. Nevertheless it is beyond question a wise policy to keep open the doors of the school during these difficult times and it is my earnest hope that under the guidance of Miss Quillin, and with the assistance of Miss Dain, the nucleus of the school may flourish.

"We all look forward eagerly to the day when in full strength the children and staff may be reunited. The recent registration gave evidence of a large number of little ones of five and six who have so far been unable to be received into school: it is to be hoped that something may be done for them. The loss of whole years of education means an irreparable handicap.

"For those parents who for so long have missed their children my sympathy is wholehearted, but I commend their wisdom. For those whose children are living in the present calm of St. Peter's it is my sincere wish that no enforced upheaval may occur."

POST-WAR WORKS

The report of the Works Committee, approved at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, contained the following: The Borough Engineer submitted correspondence with the Institution of Civil Engineers with regard to post-war works and the committee approved the action taken by the Borough Engineer in the matter.

This Week's Complete Story

PAY ENVELOPE

by Philip Neville

It wasn't until he got home on Friday night that he noticed it. They had finished supper, and he was pouring himself out a third cup of lukewarm tea when his wife said "You'd better give me the housekeeping money, Len, and I'll slip out and do a bit of shopping while you look after baby."

He pulled out the small, oblong pay envelope from his pocket and started counting out the crisp, new notes.

"Wonder why they always pay us in new notes," he said, blowing at the edges of the thin sheaf. "These can only just have been printed . . . the way they stick. There you are—one . . . two . . . three. And there's mine—hello! What's this?" And he stared with puzzled eyes at the two notes remaining in his hand.

"Good lor', Len! Wherever did you get that?"

"What's the number on your notes, Con?" he asked, excitedly. "No, no!—not the whole number—the last two figures."

She fumbled at the pound notes with fingers already roughed by housework. "Twenty-five — twenty-six — twenty-seven."

"—Twenty-eight—twenty-nine. See what's happened, Con? Old Thomas has miscounted these sticky notes and given me an extra pound by mistake. Hurrah! Put one over Mitchell's at last!"

His wife looked at him indignantly. "You're not thinking of keeping that, Len? Why—it's as bad as stealing."

"What! Stealing from Mitchell's? Don't talk nonsense, Con. Everyone knows Mitchell's don't over-pay their staff."

"Two wrongs don't make a right, Len. That pound doesn't belong to you—and you know it. You've got to give it back first thing in the morning. Why, poor Mr. Thomas might have to pay it out of his own money."

He guffawed. "Old Thomas pay it out of his pocket? That's rich—that is! He's artful enough to wangle that pound. Besides, I wish he did have to put it back himself. He's the man who keeps all our salaries down."

"Mark my words," exclaimed his wife, "nothing good will come of that pound. They'll find out about it and you'll get the push."

"Oh, you're always afraid I'm going to lose my job. How would you like to slave away every day at Mitchell's for a rotten four pounds a week?" He lit a cigarette and flicked the match petulantly into his saucer. "And why shouldn't I have a pound to spend just for a change?"

"What about me and baby if you get the sack? Len!—if you don't give that pound back in the morning I'll go up to Mitchell's myself on Monday and give them a pound out of the housekeeping."

"Oh, all right! I'll give it back. And won't old Thomas think I'm a mug!"

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A Way Out.

As he lay awake that night he did not twist and turn as he usually did on the infrequent occasions when sleep evaded him. He kept quite still, staring at the patch of light cast by the street lamp on the ceiling in the far corner. The slow breathing of his wife at his side and the occasional, fretful movements of the baby in the cot did not disturb his train of thought. His mind was concerned solely with a pound note.

He visualized the routine of pay-day as he had known it during the past four years, endeavouring to find any particular incident which made that special day differ from all the rest. With cold clarity his mind recaptured every little incident that occurred between four and four-thirty, the time when salaries were paid every week. He remembered going to wash his hands at five past four because old Thomas had a new girl assistant who was rather pretty. She always looked at you hard as Thomas handed over your pay envelope before she ticked off your name on the pay sheet. He remembered that.

Then he went back to the general office and put his towel in the drawer of his desk before going into the secretary's office. Ah yes! He remembered now why he hadn't counted his money as he usually did, directly he got to his desk. There was that telephone call from the Manchester depot about the parcel that had gone astray. Good thing he hadn't counted his money. Might have said something to Davies and then there wouldn't have been any chance of keeping the pound. Of course, he'd give it back in the morning but there was no harm in wondering how it had happened. Surely if it had been going to be noticed old Thomas would have spotted it that afternoon.

What a pity he'd said anything to Con. She'd never have known anything about it if he hadn't been so silly as to show her the extra pound. She always was like that about money. There was the time when the drunken man pulled a half-crown out with his pocket handkerchief and left it on the seat of the train. Of course she had to pick it up and slip it into his jacket pocket. He would never have known he'd lost it. Probably didn't know to this day that it was in his jacket pocket.

Con was all right. Only—she would insist on paying all the bills. He shouldn't have told her how much he was earning in the first place. Three pounds was a lot to give her every week, even if she did have to pay the rent and all the bills out of it. A pound wasn't much—not after a season ticket was paid for, and lunches. Couldn't have a bet like you did before you were married and a glass or two of beer at night with the boys. With that extra pound you could have a shilling or two on a horse—might be able to play it up if you had a good win. Might get a new pair of shoes, too—that girl in Thomas' office had looked at his feet as he came in that afternoon. No—that wouldn't do. Con would notice and ask questions.

It was too dangerous. Thomas would be certain to make enquiries in the morning. Unless he took the pound in first thing he'd probably have to answer a lot of awkward questions. Bound to go red, too—always did. Phew! Good thing he remembered! The pay envelopes were always in alphabetical order. That meant they might be able to trace the amount in each envelope by the numbers on the notes. Well—that was that! Half a minute, though! Suppose you kept two notes still in your pay envelope and then, if there was an enquiry, pulled out the envelope and be surprised that there were two pounds, when you remembered giving your wife three? No one could have any suspicions then. It would be funny to do that, anyway. Make old Thomas look foolish at having paid out too much money. Much better to do it that way than go in like a silly ass and give the pound back first thing in the morning. Besides, the bank might have made a mistake and paid out a pound too much.

The street lamp no longer cast a patch of light on the ceiling in the corner when at last his eyelids closed in sleep.

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Guilty Conscience.

It was on the Tuesday that the thought, which had been dominating his mind for the past four days percolated at last to his tongue.

"I say, Davies, ever heard of anyone here getting too much in his pay envelope?"

"Don't be a mutt! What do you think old Thomas gets five hundred a year for?" Davies went on checking the invoice with Len until a sudden thought occurring to him, he gave a sidelong look at Len. "Here—you don't mean to say there was a mistake in your envelope last week?"

Len felt the hot blood creep slowly up from his neck to his face. "Darn it!" he exclaimed, coughing violently. "Bit of tobacco got in my throat. No—of course I didn't get any extra. Only wish I had! What would you do if you'd got a pound too much?"

"Keep it, of course. What do you think!"

They went on working again until Len said "Bit dangerous, though. I mean, they're bound to find out."

Davies gave a scornful laugh. "Not they! They'd know they were a quid short but how on earth could they trace it?"

"What about the numbers of the notes?"

"That wouldn't help them unless they asked everyone in the office what their numbers were."

The click and clatter of the typewriters at the far end of the large office and the occasional summons of a telephone did not prevent a further question forming in Len's mind.

"I suppose if anyone had been overpaid last week we'd have heard something by now?"

Davies paused before lifting the receiver of the telephone he had pulled towards him.

"You seem jolly worried about the pay last week. I believe you did get a pound too much! Come on—tell me. I won't say a word."

"Don't be an ass! I'm only asking because the notes seemed to stick together this week and I thought it would be a joke if old Thomas had made a mistake."

Davies picked up the receiver and put through his call. "You're right . . . they were a bit sticky. But you can bet no one got too much. There'd have been such a stink if—hello, is that the Empire Stores?"

Len was glad Davies did not resume the conversation when he had finished his telephone call. It was rather foolish to have said anything at all to a fellow like Davies who was always gossiping about the office. But he had found out all he wanted to know. If there had been any inquiries Davies would have been certain to have heard. Now he could change one of the pounds. He'd have to, because he'd spent all his loose money, scrimping and scraping every penny until he knew he was safe from any awkward questions.

Mrs. Mortimer from next door was just leaving as he got home. "Good thing you gave back that pound, Len," exclaimed his wife. "Mrs. Mortimer knew of a man who lost his job for the very self-same thing."

"That's right," said Mrs. Mortimer, "the firm waited a whole week to see whether he would return it and then discharged him the very next pay day. There was some talk about a police court case over it. You did right, Mr. Kempton. Honesty's the best policy, I say."

What did Con want to go talking to that Mrs. Mortimer for? She'd tell everyone in the street. And what did they think he was, a schoolboy—to be frightened by silly stories? A man didn't get the sack over a thing like that—not unless he'd got a bad name.

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A Hot Tip.

"I say, old man," said Davies on the Thursday morning. "You know my wife's brother George . . . the one who works in the bookie's office. He dropped in last night on his way home with a real hot tip for the big 'un to-day."

"I know George's good things," answered Len. "Bookies' tips, I call them."

"Don't you talk! You're only jealous because you didn't back those three winners he gave me last week." As if Len hadn't cursed his luck a dozen times for not having a shilling to spare for a bet since Davies' brother-in-law got the job at the bookie's last March.

"Well, what's the tip?"

"'Folly's Pride.' It's been tried over the distance and George reckons it's got a stone in hand. It'll doddle it, he says."

"What's the betting forecast?"

Davies gave a quick glance round the office and then, with a deft movement transferred the morning paper from his pocket to his blotting pad. "See that. it's quoted 'thirty-threes others.' George says it'll start about twenty-fives. Going to risk a bob? I can get it on at lunch-time."

"Here—put me on a pound to win." And Len, fumbling beneath the shelter of his desk, pulled out the last remaining pound from his pay envelope and tossed it across to Davies.

"You gone crackers!" exclaimed Davies. "It's only a tip, you know. Might go down."

"When I have a bet I like to have a real bet. What's the good of a rotten bob?" That would teach Davies to sneer at him for not backing George's tips before. Besides, he couldn't spend the pound without Con finding out and if the horse did win he could pretend he'd had a shilling or two on and so account for his extra money.

"Well, you've got some pluck. Don't blame me if it loses." Davies's nose was a bit out of joint at this sudden recklessness.

"I suppose it's the extra quid you found in your pay envelope last week." A sudden wave of fury swept over Len.

"I tell you I didn't get an extra pound last week." His face was fiery red and his fists were clenched.

"What do you take me for—a thief?"

"Don't be a blithering idiot, old man. I was only fooling. Sit down. Everyone will think we're going to have a fight."

There was a momentary cessation in the busy hum of the office and to Len the whole room seemed filled with staring eyes. His pencil crawled across the invoice he was making out in a strange, unfamiliar handwriting. What a fool he'd been to give Davies that pound note!

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Folly's Pride.

It wasn't until he got out of the train at his station that he dared buy an evening paper. Then, gathering all his courage, he turned it over with trembling hands and glanced hastily at the stop press column. "Folly's Pride, Martello, Jack Straw. 33—1, 6—4, 7—1." He'd won! Thirty-three pounds? What did it matter if they did find out at the office now? What did it matter if Davies did go whispering and gossiping in everybody's ears? He'd give the pound back to old Thomas to-morrow and pretend he'd just discovered the error. With thirty-three pounds it didn't matter if he did get the sack. He'd won! A lot a couple of silly women knew about honesty being the best policy. You'd only got to have a little pluck and use your brains—instead of working away like a slave.

He couldn't resist it. He had to tell Con. "I put a pound on a horse to-day, Con."

"What! You been betting, Len! You mean to tell me you put a whole pound on a horse?"

"Come off it, Con. I've won thirty-three pounds!"

"My word, Len. It doesn't seem possible." She looked at him shrewdly. "Where'd you get the pound, Len?"

"I put it on with Davies," he answered, blowing his nose to hide the blush that was creeping up his neck.

"He's got an account with a bookmaker. I knew the horse couldn't lose."

"Whatever would you have done if it had" She stood with her hand on her chin looking at the baby. "Just fancy—thirty-three pounds! I believe that's a bit of good luck because you didn't keep that pound. Why, it's as good as a rise, Len. And just when baby was needing some new things. The way she grows!"

Len opened the paper again with hands that were steady and confident. "There it is—'Folly's Pride,' thirty-three to one."

"What a funny name. Let's look." She took the paper from him and glanced down the column. "Here—what's this mean, Len? 'Three-thirty. Objection to winner, race awarded to Martello.'"

He snatched the newspaper from her and looked at the blurred print that had escaped his excited eyes. "Blast the luck!" he exclaimed, and flung the paper into the far corner of the room.

"You mean to tell me you've lost a pound? You and your thirty-three pounds! I'm not going to pay it out of my housekeeping, I tell you that, now!"

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The Interview.

The pretty girl who ticked the names off on the pay list came to his desk directly after lunch next day. "Mr. Thomas says will you please not come for your pay until five o'clock to-day."

"Hello," said Davies, grinning, after she had gone, "Can't she meet you to-night? I'll tell her you're married if you don't treat me to a drink."

But Len didn't tell him where he got off. All he wanted to do was to ask Davies's advice, to talk it over with him. Only he didn't have the courage to do even that now. Why on earth hadn't he known he'd be found out? Con was right—and so was Mrs. Mortimer. He'd throw himself on old Thomas's mercy He'd tell him that there had been doctor's bills to pay. Con would have to back him up. Thomas could take the pound off this week's money if only he'd overlook it this once.

How he envied everyone coming back with their pay envelopes. They were lucky. Got safe jobs, if they only knew it. Everyone knew Mr. Mitchell was a good boss. Never sacked anyone unless they asked for it. What was that? Five o'clock striking. His knees felt weak and there was no saliva on his tongue to moisten his dry lips.

"Oh, sit down, Kempton," said old Thomas. "Come back in five minutes, Miss Harris."

As the door closed the elderly cashier took off his spectacles and put his fingers together in front of him. "I suppose you counted the money in your pay envelope last week, Kempton?"

"Ye—yes, sir."

Old Thomas leaned back in his chair. "You're a fool, Kempton."

Len tried to speak but his tongue felt too thick and heavy.

"Mr. Mitchell is a good employer and a just one," continued the cashier. "But he has little use for employees who say nothing when they find an extra pound in their pay envelopes."

"I was going to say something——"

Old Thomas held up his hand. "It's too late now, Kempton. Mr. Mitchell says that employees who have not the common decency to thank him for a substantial rise in salary are not worthy of it. Therefore you go back to your old salary of four pounds a week. There's your envelope. That is all, Kempton."

THE END

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

JUNE RAINFALL

June was a rainy month—compared with June, 1940.

The rainfall at Ramsgate for the month was ·54 inches, compared with ·19 in 1940, 1·02 in 1939 and 1·30 in 1938.

The rainfall for the first six months of the year was 8·33 inches compared with 7·85 in 1940, 12·59 in 1939 and 8·21 in 1938.

During the month the Corporation water department raised 32,244,300 gallons, compared with 34,516,100 the previous year, the average daily consumption being 1,074,810 gallons.

A YEAR AGO

Three airmen—two British and one German—killed in an air battle over the town, were buried at Margate Cemetery. The Union Jack covered the coffins of the British airmen and the Swastika flag that of the German officer. An inscription on some flowers on the German's grave read: "You had no other choice. Perhaps we will be able to understand one day. God bless you and may you rest in peace."

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The Councils of Ramsgate and Margate decided to investigate complaints concerning the treatment of old, infirm and invalid people evacuated from the towns to the West of England.

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Business at Ramsgate police court was held up because an air raid alert was sounded.

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The funeral took place of Mr. Albert Benjamin Redman, one of the pioneers of the development of Ramsgate as a modern residential resort. He was responsible for the development of the building estates in the Queen Bertha and Rawdon-road districts of Ramsgate, and also at Rectory-road, Broadstairs.

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In response to Lord Beaverbrook's appeal for aluminium, to be converted into Spitfires and Hurricanes for the R.A.F., Ramsgate's voluntary quota exceeded half a ton.

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Following the evacuation of Dunkirk news was received that many Thanet men serving with The Buffs had been taken prisoner.

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In the heaviest air attack of the war on Dover the Germans lost 17 raiders in 30 minutes.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

A Zeppelin, which visited Kent in a futile raid on Monday night, had a very hot reception and made a hasty departure. Engaged by aircraft and anti-aircraft guns, the Zeppelin, variously described as like "a big fish," or "a cigar encased in tinfoil," was seen to drop to a low altitude and disappear in the mist. As a spectacle from the land it was a very fine sight. As an experience for the baby-killers it must have been very uncomfortable. Three bombs are reported to have been dropped in a field on the outskirts of the town, smashing several windows and waking up the market gardeners a trifle earlier than usual. A portion of one bomb penetrated a cottage door 50 yards away and buried itself in the passage wall. No one was hurt, and the Huns were even deprived of any child victims, the little ones in the cottage having run out and sheltered among some gooseberry bushes. High praise was expressed at the marvellous way in which the searchlights and anti-aircraft guns were worked, giving a feeling of security to the inhabitants of the raided area.

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The following resolution was passed at a meeting of Thanet people: "That, on this second anniversary of a declaration of a righteous war, this meeting of citizens records once more its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle to maintain that ideal of liberty and justice which is the sacred and common cause of the Allies." The editorial column commented: It is amazing when we think of the general state of unpreparedness—excepting only the gallant Navy—which existed two years ago that we should have accomplished as much as to-day's war news gives to our credit. The first wild rush of the Germans arrested, the nation had to organise itself on a new basis, all the time fighting a war enormously costly in blood and money. To-day we see the Germans being forced gradually from their fortified entrenchments. The tide has undoubtedly turned, but there is still a long and costly battle to fight. This year may not see the end of it, but it is to be gathered from the declarations of those in high office that the strength of the British arms was never greater.

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The latest among Ramsgatonians to receive distinction is C/S/M E. W. Ralph, of The Buffs, who has been awarded the Military Cross. He formed part of the original British Expeditionary Force which went to France, and went unscathed through many desperate engagements. He has since been wounded to such an extent that one leg has had to be amputated.

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The ADVERTISER & ECHO also recorded the deeds that had won distinctions for several other Ramsgate and Broadstairs men, including: Ramsgate—Sergt. Harry Forwood, The Buffs, D.C.M.; Sergt. H. H. J. Holness, Manchester Regiment, D.C.M.; Sergt. W. Sharp, R.A.M.C., D.C.M.; Gnr. W. E. Sutton, R.F.A., D.C.M.; Pte. J. Munday, The Buffs, D.C.M. and Russian Medal of St. George; P/O Stkr. F. Pierse, D.S.M.; C/P/O Steed, D.S.M.; Capt. F. C. T. Ewald, North Staffordshire Regiment, D.S.O.; Capt. Kanwar Indanjit Singh, Indian Medical Service, M.C.; Capt. E. H. L. Beddington, 16th Lancers, M.C.; C/S/M McKenzie, French Medaille Militaire; Broadstairs—Rfmn. F. N. Philpott, Rifle Brigade, D.C.M. (posthumous); Pte. H. H. Hoddinott, The Buffs, D.C.M.; C/P/O A. C. Bishop, D.S.M.; Copl. H. W. Hills, The Buffs, Russian Medal of St. George; 2nd-Lieut. A. M. Durrant, Loyal North Lancs. Regiment, M.C.

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The deaths were announced, while on active service, of Lieut. Herbert Day, second son of the Rev. W. B. Day, Vicar of St. Peter's, Sandwich; Pte. Cecil Leonard Wilman, of Ramsgate; Pte. J. Bunce, of Broadstairs; L/Corpl. A. D. Melhuish, of Ramsgate; Pte. Reginald Bingham, of Broadstairs.

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The resignation of the Rev. C. P. Cowland-Cooper, the popular priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's, Reading Street, has come as a surprise to the congregation. Although it had been known for some time past that the reverend gentleman was anxious to go to the front as an Army chaplain, a position for which he is eminently fitted, it was felt that he could ill be spared just now, especially as the clerical staff at St. Peter's is somewhat depleted.

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Stars appearing at two concerts at the West Cliff Concert Hall, Ramsgate, were Miss Carrie Tubb, Mr. Robert Radford, Mr. Selwyn Driver, Mr. George Mozart and Miss Katie Lidbetter.

WHITNEY STRAIGHT SHOT DOWN

Wing-Cmdr. Whitney Straight, head of the company which before the war operated Ramsgate Airport, was shot down in a dog-fight over the Channel on Friday and is believed to have made a forced landing in France.

American-born millionaire airman and racing motorist, Wing/Cmdr. Straight was leading a squadron of Hurricanes in a fighter-escorted bombing attack on enemy shipping.

As the planes dived they were met by a barrage of flak. The wing-commander was seen to pull out of the dive with white smoke pouring from his engine. Continuing their dive, the other pilots heard their leader say over the radio "I've been hit. Going to force-land in France. I order the squadron to return to base."

Some of the pilots afterwards reported that they saw Wing/Cmdr. Straight's aircraft gliding down over the French coast towards the land.

Twenty-eight years of age, Wing/Cmdr. Straight became a naturalised British subject five years ago. He inherited a fortune from Mr. William C. Whitney, an American millionaire.

As a racing motorist he set up many records and later turning to flying took a prominent part in the development of British civil aviation.

Wing/Cmdr. Straight won the Military Cross during the British campaign in Norway for his work in laying out an improvised aerodrome on a frozen lake. During that operation he was severely wounded in the head by shrapnel, but made a good recovery.

While unfit for flying he was attached to the Directorate of Plans, Air Ministry, and afterwards was personal assistant to the Duke of Kent.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

BROADSTAIRS PLEASURE GROUND

At a meeting of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Local Board it was decided to make application to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the sum of £1,600 for the purpose of defraying the costs, charges and expenses in purchasing the freehold of the land between Victory-avenue and the Cliff (including Preacher's Knoll) and between Chandos-gardens and Louisa Gap and for laying out the land as a public pleasure ground.

COLLEGE SPEECH DAY

Speech day at South Eastern College, Ramsgate, this year proved more than usually successful. The attendance of parents and friends of the students and of prominent townspeople was most gratifying and the whole proceedings passed off in a manner reflecting great credit on the headmaster, the Rev. Askwith. The Very Rev. the Dean of Canterbury (Dr. Payne Smith) presided and at intervals in the proceedings selections of instrumental and vocal music were given by Herr Grimm and a number of the students. The headmaster announced a feat unaccomplished before in the history of the school, viz. the winning of an open scholarship at Cambridge by a student straight from the school.

STARS GALORE

BRIGHT SHOWS AT ODEON

First class entertainment in full measure is being provided at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

To-day and to-morrow two full-length pictures are being shown. Laughter, tense drama and thrills of the scientific world mingle in "Dr. Kildare's Crisis," which features Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore, Laraine Day, and the guest star, Robert Young. This latest picture of the Kildare series tells the dramatic story of a strange mental ailment which casts a shadow of tragedy on the three principal characters, to be dispelled by Barrymore.

The second offering, "Friday the 13th," is a British ten-star film. The stars are Emlyn Williams, Ralph Richardson, Max Miller, Gordon Harker, Edmund Gwenn, Jessie Matthews, Sonnie Hale, Alfred Drayton, Robertson Hare and Frank Lawton. The story reveals how a bus smash brings, not only disaster but a good proportion of happiness, and shapes the destinies of all those involved.

A gorgeous ghost goes to town in "The Invisible Woman," which will head the bill for the second part of the week. The novel story of the picture presents John Barrymore as an eccentric professor who discovers a formula for human invisibility. Miss Virginia Bruce, as a discouraged dress model, offers herself as subject for the scientist's experiments. Miss Bruce employs her invisibility to gain revenge on an employer, to torment a playboy and his befuddled butler with invisible pranks, and even to round up a gangster mob in an hilarious sequence.

Starring Baby Sandy, Una Merkel and Stuart Erwin, "Sandy Gets Her Man" will also be screened.

SAFEGUARDING THE CROPS

At the request of Ramsgate War Emergency Committee a scheme has been prepared and put into operation to safeguard growing crops against the danger of fire.

The Borough Surveyor has provided a supply of beaters or flails to supplement the equipment provided by the farmers at a cost of £29 13s. 9d., and Mr. B. C. Darbey, the Librarian, has been working in conjunction with the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade in the matter.

The provision of six static water supply basins, of a total capacity of 1,650,000 gallons, for fire fighting purposes in the town, is estimated to cost £7,431 4s. 9d.

FORMER VICAR'S TRIBUTE

The Rev. David Railton, M.C., Vicar of Margate from 1920 to 1925, who is now Rector of Liverpool, has expressed his admiration of the fortitude of the people of Margate.

In a letter to Mr. E. A. Bray, probation officer, Mr. Railton wrote:

"Would you please express to the Mayor of Margate and all concerned my sympathy with them in their present trials, and my admiration for you all in the way you are standing up to them until Nazism is vanquished."

VOLUNTARY WARDEN'S INJURY

The question of payment of compensation to Voluntary Warden Alfred Wood, who is still in hospital suffering from injuries sustained in an air raid in March, has been referred by Ramsgate A.R.P. Committee to the appropriate officers "to deal with in accordance with the general principles adopted in similar cases."

OUR NEW ORDER

FAITHFULNESS TO PLEDGED WORD

The "New Order" was referred to by the Bishop of Dover (Rt. Rev. A. C. W. Rose) when he preached at Margate Parish Church last week.

Hitler, said the Bishop, had talked a lot about his New Order. That New Order would mean the German domination of Europe, and men and women would no longer enjoy free worship or free government. It would mean supreme power for the German overlords in return for the promise of peace.

Against that kind of new order the people of this country had set their faces, and we should fight to the end for our own new world.

There was going to be a New Order—our own New Order—but what was it going to be like? Little had been said by the leaders of our country about it but he thought it would be a Christian order with justice, honesty and faithfulness to the pledged word. Without these things there would be no New Order. There would be only chaos.

PRIMATE ON RUSSIAN WAR

On the subject of the Russian war the Archbishop of Canterbury writes in the Canterbury "Diocesan Gazette and News":

"There were many to whom any definite alliance with the Soviet Government brought not unnatural misgivings. It may seem strange to combine alliance with Bolshevist Russia, with the claim that we are contending for a Christian civilisation. But such misgivings are really misplaced. For

(1) the first and essential aim of the whole widespread struggle is to overthrow the tyranny of evil embodied in the rulers of Germany, and all who are engaged in the cause must needs be our allies.

(2) The victory of the Nazi power would destroy any kind of tolerable form of human government.

(3) Russia is but the latest country suffering unprovoked attack by Nazi Germany. It is contending for the principles of national freedom and independence, for which the British Commonwealth and United States of America are standing.

(4) It may well be that Russia's defence of its own land and the new unity which this will bring may lead to a new tolerance of religion by the Soviet Government and a new resurgence of the interests of religion, always deep-seated in the heart of the Russian people. It is significant that on the outbreak of the war, thousands flocked to the churches for prayer, in Moscow and elsewhere.

We must, therefore, wish every success to the valiant Russian armies and people, in their struggle, and be ready to give them every possible help.

MR. LEONARD FOWLER

TAXI PROPRIETOR'S DEATH

Formerly in business in Broadstairs as a taxi proprietor, Mr. Leonard Fowler, of Lloyd-road, passed away at the Middlesex Hospital, London, last week, at the age of 46 years.

Mr. Fowler's business was brought almost to a standstill at the outbreak of war and he served with a Broadstairs first aid A.R.P. unit. In the war of 1914-18 he served with the R.A.S.C. in Salonika.

Mr. Fowler was the youngest of four sons of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Fowler, of Lloyd-road, Broadstairs.

He leaves a widow and two sons, both of whom are in the General Post Office service.

The funeral at St. Peter's on Friday was attended by members of the first-aid party.

DIED AFTER FINISHING WORK

Within a few hours of returning from work at midday on 28th July, Herbert Goodbun, aged 40, labourer, of Mays Villa, Mays-road, Ramsgate, collapsed and died.

When he returned home Mr. Goodbun complained of feeling unwell and went to bed. Some time later his wife, Mrs. Violet May Goodbun, heard a thump on the floor, and going to the bedroom found her husband had collapsed and fallen from the bed to the floor.

As death was due to natural causes an inquest was not considered necessary.

SUNDAY CINEMA ALLOCATIONS

For the year ended 31st March the sum of £147 10s. is available from Sunday cinema performances in Ramsgate for distribution to charities.

The Town Council have decided to allocate the money as follows: Ramsgate General Hospital 60 per cent., Mayor's Local Distress Fund 20 per cent., Ramsgate Local Blind Committee and Ramsgate and St. Lawrence Dispensary 10 per cent. each.

Win with BOVRIL

SOLDIER GARDENERS

SEPTEMBER PRODUCTION SHOW

Soldiers in the South Eastern Command are to have their own food production show. It will be staged in September in a large market hall, and members of the general public will be given an opportunity to view the results of the military effort to augment supplies.

On this occasion anti-aircraft personnel only will be allowed to compete, but at a later date it is hoped to include all branches of the land forces.

A particularly keen competitive spirit has been aroused. So much so that in order to win the Command silver cup offered by the Army Commander (Lieut.-General B. C. T. Paget, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.) an exceptionally good collection of vegetables will be essential.

The show is being organised by the horticultural branch of the South Eastern Command Welfare Department, and will have the personal supervision of Capt. W. E. Shewell-Cooper, Command Welfare Horticultural Officer, holder of many diplomas and fellowships and author of a score of books on horticulture.

Anti-aircraft sites throughout the Command have been cultivated since the outbreak of the present war, helped by Welfare, and over a hundred acres are now producing vegetables.

Although the units concerned have the pleasure and privilege of eating the produce, it is not supplementary to the normal vegetable ration. The matter is adjusted by an equivalent under-drawing.

A refund equal to the amount which otherwise would have been spent in the purchase of vegetables is contributed by "N.A.A.F.I." to the scheme, and out of this sum certain monetary grants are made to the troops.

The high value attaching to gardening as a hobby from the point of view of the soldier cannot be over-stressed. Great care is taken to ensure that the men are taught the best way to grow vegetables, so that when they leave the Army they will become good allotment-holders.

In the course of his tours, Capt. Shewell-Cooper has become convinced that soldiers very much appreciate an opportunity to grow their own food-stuffs. Not only is gardening a welcome change from military duties, but there is the added advantage of a plentiful supply of fresh vegetables.

It is practically impossible to find a site where there is not at least one man who was a gardener or allotment-holder in peacetime, and these experts are very willing to impart their knowledge to their colleagues.

Prizes will be allotted for the three best groups of vegetables in each unit competing, and the exhibits of all first prize-winners will then be closely inspected once again to decide the destination of the Army Commander's cup.

"We are aiming at good food value, and not at monstrous, outsize growths, falling below that standard," Capt. Shewell-Cooper told a Press representative.

At the September show visitors will also be able to see many different ways of cooking garden produce. In this enterprise the Command catering adviser is co-operating whole-heartedly, and to give an added fillip to the proceedings is arranging a series of competitions between cooks from various establishments.

V CAMPAIGN SPREADS

The first egg laid by a Rhode Island Red pullet belonging to Auxiliary Fireman Charles Brooks, of Westfield-road, Birchington, showed a distinct V, slightly raised, on one end of the shell.

Fireman Brooks has declined all offers to part with it.

ACTION AND ROMANCE

OLD MOTHER RILEY AT KING'S

There is plenty of action as well as romance in the programmes being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

A new romantic team—John Shelton and Virginia Grey—makes its first appearance in "Blonde Inspiration," which heads the bill to-day and to-morrow.

The story deals with young Jonathan Briggs who, finding no other way to get his writings published, buys an interest in a magazine. After he has written all the stories for the first issue his two partners steal the manuscript of his prized novel in order that the second issue will be on the news stands in time. Jonathan, too late, tries to stop the presses, and in the melee that follows distinguishes himself both as fighter and author.

Also being screened is "Murder Over New York," is which Charlie Chan (Sidney Toler) matches wits with death-dealing, sabotage-minded spies.

Laughs in plenty are provided by the latest exploits of Arthur Lucan and Kitty McShane in "Old Mother Riley's Ghosts," the chief feature for the second half of the week. Old Mother Riley keeps the flag flying by taking in washing after Kitty and two young lodgers, working on an invention, lose their jobs. Mother Riley is then "left" a castle, in which work on the invention proceeds in the dungeon. The blueprints are stolen but after many complicated adventures Mother Riley succeeds in rescuing them.

"Caught in the Act," starring Henry Armetta, will also be screened.

THERE'S SOMETHING IN A NAME

Although in March the Senior Regional Officer of the Ministry of Home Security approved the appointment at Ramsgate of a chief warden at a salary of £5 a week, he has now discovered that the Ministry's scheme does not include provision for the payment of a chief warden.

To the relief of the A.R.P. Committee of Ramsgate Town Council, however, he added that a staff officer could be appointed at that salary and could continue to carry out the duties of chief warden and hold that title.

So Chief Warden A. T. Grummant is to be appointed Staff Officer Grummant but will continue to act as chief warden.

VICARAGE FIRE

REV. C. P. COWLAND-COOPER'S ESCAPE

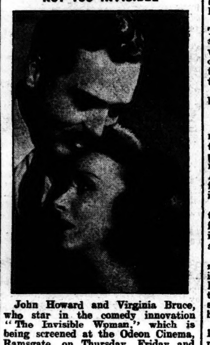
A pipe which the Vicar (Rev. C. P. Cowland-Cooper) left in a jacket hanging on a chair may have been responsible for a fire which broke out at St. Lawrence Vicarage in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

At 4 a.m. the Vicar, who was sleeping on the ground floor, was awakened by the smell of smoke.

The Vicar discovered that a bedroom at the back of the house on the first floor was well alight. He telephoned for Ramsgate Fire Brigade, who were quickly on the scene, and the fire was extinguished by means of a stirrup pump. A section of the flooring, measuring 6ft. by 12ft. had to be cut away.

The jacket, in the pocket of which the Vicar had left the pipe, and a chair on which it was hanging, were destroyed.

NOT TOO INVISIBLE



John Howard and Virginia Bruce, who star in the comedy innovation "The Invisible Woman," which is being screened at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

RAMSGATE INFANTS

ENTERTAIN COUNTESS OF SHREWSBURY

"Ramsgate children are fortunate in being billeted near such a lovely place"—this was the verdict of the Ramsgate parents and friends who assembled on the wide-spreading lawns of Marston Council School, Stafford, on Wednesday.

The occasion was the annual party to which 90 children and over 100 adults accepted the little people's invitation.

The guest of honour was the Countess of Shrewsbury, wife of England's premier Earl, who, together with her little daughter, Lady Charlotte, her sister, Hon. Mrs. Heber Percy, and Hon. Deirdre, had accepted Miss Tinsley's invitation to come to the party and witness the dancing.

A play "The Dream Pedlar" was prettily acted, and the Ramsgate infants danced a minuet under Miss Clement's direction, after which the Countess charmingly presented the school sports shield to the captains of the Blue House who had won it by 8 points. This year the Ellington children assisted in the sports. A Marston scholar, Muriel Parton, 10½ years, was congratulated on gaining fourth place in the scholarship list of 37 students who had won a free place at the Girls' High School.

Hearty cheers were given for the Countess, who spoke of the surprise, enjoyment and admiration she felt for the school, and encouraged everyone to keep up the high standard.

The whole party were then entertained to tea, and there is no lack of good things at Marston where children are concerned.

COLLAPSED IN CAR

CUSTOMS SURVEYOR'S DEATH

Within a short time of collapsing while sitting in his motor car, Mr. Harold Jesse Fowler, Customs and Excise Surveyor, of Lewisham-road, River, Dover, died at Margate Hospital.

Mr. Fowler who was 49 years of age, had frequently prosecuted in customs and excise cases in the Thanet courts. He had suffered from chronic asthma for a number of years.

An auxiliary fireman saw Mr. Fowler in a collapsed state in his motor car in Eaton-road. He was taken to hospital in a police car but although given oxygen and an injection, died within a few minutes.

Mr. Fowles was visiting Margate on official business.

DEATH OF FORMER SMACK OWNER

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Tuesday of Mr. Samuel Peter Bowyer, for many years associated with the local fishing industry, who passed away at Cirencester Hospital at the age of 75.

A native of Ramsgate, Mr. Bowyer at one time owned the smack Presage, and he managed the business of the late Mrs. Tucker, head of a well-known firm of smack owners.

With the collapse of the fishing industry at Ramsgate during the last war Mr. Bowyer was for a time at the Admiralty and later carried on business at Lowestoft. Subsequently he was associated with the firm of Charles Holladay, shipwrights, of Military-road, Ramsgate.

In the old days Mr. Bowyer was secretary of Ramsgate Swimming Club and he was also secretary of the Smack Boys' Home.

"We are all one in our determination that, come what may, we will never suffer Hitler to make himself master of the British Commonwealth."—Lord Halifax.

THREE CANTEENS

MAKING TUNNEL LIFE MORE COMFORTABLE

Ramsgate's deep tunnel shelters are to be made more comfortable for their inhabitants before the approach of the winter months.

Some months ago a canteen was provided in the main tunnel. The experiment proved successful and two additional canteens are to be provided in the subsidiary tunnels. They will be at the bottom of Boundary-road entrance and at a point near the ventilating shaft leading from the West Cliff-road to the Queen-street entrance.

Excavations for the canteen at the Boundary-road entrance will cost approximately £100 and the canteens are to be provided with counters, cupboards, sinks, electrical power points, etc., at an approximate cost of £75.

Power points and water supply in order to give adequate facilities for the provision of hot water, either for hot water bottles or for making tea, are to be installed at the canteens and at the following places at an estimated cost of £120: sea end of the main railway tunnel; near to the Townley castle entrance; near to the Cannon-road car park entrance; near to Ellington Park No. 1 entrance.

Mr. Percy Turner, the caterer operating the canteen already established, is to be given the privilege of operating the additional canteens on the same terms and conditions.

The whole of the expenditure referred to will rank for grant of 100 per cent., but the Council will be liable for the cost of electric current.

The A.R.P. Committee of the Council have asked the chairman (Councillor A. R. Young), with the appropriate officers, to consider the question of the charge to be made for hot water, and a recommendation on the matter will be submitted to the Council at a later date.

At a meeting of the Council on Thursday, Councillor W. L. Knibbs said at the present time the Council were receiving nothing from the caterer and he suggested that when the additional canteens were opened terms should be discussed with him.

Councillor Young said he would bring the matter before his committee.

And More Bunks.

In view of the possibility that larger numbers of persons will wish to use the deep tunnel shelters for dormitory purposes during the winter months if intensified air attacks take place, the A.R.P. Committee reported that they felt it necessary to make further bunking provisions.

They have therefore given instructions for plans to be made immediately for the erection of surplus bunking in the main tunnel in order to meet any sudden demand.

The question of providing a second medical aid post in the tunnel shelters is also under consideration and the Borough Engineer has been authorised to prepare as quickly as possible a scheme for the installation of a water-borne drainage system.

The collaboration of the Communal Feeding Committee is being sought in making plans for emergency cooking and feeding in the tunnels in addition to the canteens.

Application is also being made for an initial supply of 100 bunks for use in Anderson shelters.

SWILL

RAMSGATE COLLECTION SCHEME

A scheme for the collection of swill is, after all, to be put into operation in Ramsgate.

Although the Works Committee of the Town Council feel that, in view of the prevailing local circumstances, everything possible is being done to effect salvage, further circulars from the Ministry of Supply urging intensified salvage efforts were considered at the July meeting at which the Borough Engineer, Mr. R. D. Brimmell, reported that he was now in a position to put into operation a scheme for the collection of swill.

The committee authorised Mr. Brimmell to provide suitable bins for the deposit of swill at appropriate places in the town, and to arrange for its collection by farmers and others from the bins, local persons to have preference.

TOOL AND BOOT MONEY

As they find it is the general practice in the carpentering trade, Ramsgate Town Council have agreed, following an application from the local branch of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, to pay carpenters in their employ a tool allowance of 2d. per day from 11th July.

Following a further request from the area officer of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers that Works Department employees engaged as lavatory cleaners in the deep tunnel shelter should be supplied with boots or alternatively paid 1d. an hour boot money, the Works Committee, after hearing the report of the Borough Engineer, Mr. R. D. Brimmell, agreed to pay every such employee at the rate of 1s. 6d. per week while so engaged.

At Thursday's meeting of the Town Council an amendment moved by Councillor W. L. Knibbs to delete the recommendation for the payment of boot money was defeated.

It was stated that six men were engaged on the work and their wages for a 72-hour week, including work on Saturdays and Sundays, was £4 7s. a week.

Councillor Knibbs suggested that the Council should supply the men with clogs, or a pair of boots each which could be kept in the tunnel.

VACANT ALLOTMENTS LET

Owing to the fact that the population of Ramsgate decreased, 16 of the permanent Corporation allotments at Chilton and 10 at Jackey Baker's fell vacant.

As the Parks and Pleasure Grounds department could not take over the direct cultivation of the plots due to depleted staff the Town Clerk, with the approval of the chairman of the Allotments Committee (Councillor T. W. Mockridge), issued notices to the effect that the Corporation were prepared to grant an additional plot to any person already renting a permanent allotment at each of these sites, the additional plot to be rent free for one year from 1st April, 1941.

In consequence all the vacant plots have now been let, 11 being at ordinary rentals and 15 free for one year.

OFF TO THE R.A.F.

Two more Ramsgate police officers, P/Cs Sinclair and Reeves, have been accepted by the R.A.F. for training as pilots and will be leaving the town within the next fortnight.

NEW ALDERMAN

ELECTED AT RAMSGATE

Councillor T. W. Mockridge has been elected an alderman of Ramsgate Town Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman D. Barnett.

As a result of the ballot, which took place at a meeting of the Council on Thursday, Councillor Mockridge received 12 votes, Councillors W. Hawkins and S. E. Austin two each and Councillors W. G. Love and F. C. Miller one each.

Alderman Mockridge first entered the Council in 1920 but severed his connection with the Council for about six years. He is chairman of the Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee but his services have been particularly valuable since the war as chairman of the Communal Feeding Committee.

Congratulating Alderman Mockridge on his election, the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) said the alderman

had earned the honour conferred on him. He had put in many years' service and a lot of work in the interests of the town. The members of the Council would join in saying "Well done, Mockie."

Returning thanks, Alderman Mockridge said it was no good pretending he had not had the ambition to be an alderman. He served on the Council for nine years, was off for about six years, and then came back again. He had fought four elections and each time had an overwhelming majority. He thought he could say he had the confidence not only of the members of the Council but also of the citizens of the town.

He had been in Ramsgate for 40 years, said Alderman Mockridge, and he had done his best to serve his fellow men.

Paying tribute to ex-Alderman Barnett, the Mayor said the Council appreciated the work he had done for the town. They knew him as a hard-working member of the Council. He was not a man who said much in open Council but he did a wonderful amount of work behind the scenes.

Seconding an expression of the Council's thanks, Councillor G. W. Caffell said he hoped they would soon see Mr. Barnett back with them once again.

FOUR VACANCIES

COUNCIL SEATS LOST BY DEFAULT

Aldermen J. T. Huddlestone and A. Keen, and Councillor W. J. Roff are no longer members of Ramsgate Town Council.

Members of a local authority who fail to attend a meeting for six consecutive months automatically cease to be members unless the Council approve, for the purposes of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1933, the reasons given by members for their absence.

In January the Council approved the reasons for their absence given by these three members but since the Council at their last meeting decided not to pass any further resolution, they have ceased to be members of the Council.

On Thursday the Council, on the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, decided to declare two vacancies in the office of alderman and a vacancy in the office of councillor for the East Cliff Ward.

When the aldermanic vacancies are filled there will be two further vacancies in the office of councillor.

Mr. Huddlestone entered Ramsgate Town Council in 1932 and was elevated to the aldermanic bench in 1938. His term of office would not normally have expired until 1944. He had held office as chairman of the Aerodrome, Publicity and A.R.P. Committees, was Deputy Mayor during the first year of the Mayoralty of Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, and is credited with having been the prime mover in Ramsgate's unique deep tunnel shelter scheme.

Mr. Keen entered the Council in 1935, was elected an alderman during the same year as Mr. Huddlestone, and had held the chairmanship of the Cemeteries Committee.

Mr. Roff was elected to the Council in November, 1937, and had also occupied the chair of the Cemeteries Committee.

Another vacancy on the Council was created on Thursday by the elevation as alderman of Councillor T. W. Mockridge to take the place of Alderman D. Barnett, resigned.

EMERGENCY TRAFFIC

The question was raised at a meeting of the Works Committee of Ramsgate Town Council as to the advisability of steps being taken to allow the passage of vehicular traffic between George-street and Elms-avenue via Guildford-lawn and Clarendon-gardens in the event of an emergency.

In view of the obligation of the Council to retain the stop-posts in Clarendon-gardens the Borough Engineer has been authorised to fix a number of stop-posts in sockets which can be removed, if necessary, in case of emergency.

HALF-YEAR'S BANK CHARGES

At the July meeting of the Finance Committee of Ramsgate Town Council the Borough Treasurer, Mr. H. Oliver Jones, was authorised to pay bank charges for the half-year ended 30th June amounting to £1,021 19s. 11d.

At the same time Mr. Jones reported that the net balance overdrawn at the bank was £37,230 11s. 8d.

HERO'S WAGES

COUNCIL TRY TO OVERCOME RED TAPE

Faced with the fact that Auxiliary Fireman Moore, a George Medallist, is no longer entitled to pay, Ramsgate Council are hoping to overcome the dilemma by employing him as watchroom attendant and telephonist.

The report of the Works Committee presented to the Council on Thursday stated that the committee had received from the Borough Treasurer a report with regard to the action taken by him to ensure that maximum payments available had been made to A/F Moore during the period he had been unfit for duty as a result of injuries received through enemy action.

Fireman Moore, who was now doing light duty as watchroom attendant and telephonist, would not, it was considered, be fit to undertake any heavier work for some time to come.

As the committee, added the report, "desire to retain Moore's services, and to enable his employment to continue," they recommended that application be made to the appropriate authority for a variation of the authorised establishment of the A.F.S. so as to enable him to be employed as watchroom attendant and telephonist.

The next move in this fight to ensure that an injured hero does not also suffer financially for his heroism now rests with the "appropriate" higher authority.

OLD SOLDIERS

FIREMEN'S LONG SERVICE MEDALS

Three members of Ramsgate Fire Brigade, who between them have a record of 45 years' service, received awards from the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) at the monthly meeting of the Town Council on Thursday.

They were Station Officer J. Muir—silver medal for 20 years' service; Fireman G. Ansell—bar to bronze medal for 15 years' service; and Fireman A. Watson—bronze medal for 10 years' service.

The Mayor said that during the last war S/O Muir served in the Army and won the Mons Star. He had performed good work as a member of the brigade and those who met him socially always knew him to be a gentleman.

Fireman Ansell, said the Mayor, was better known to most of them as "Jerry." During the last war he won the Meritorious Service Medal and before that served in India and was a member of the Viceroy's escort at the Delhi Durbar. He was a man who not only did his duty as a fireman but took an interest in civic affairs. If a collection was to be made for some charitable cause Jerry Ansell was always to the fore.

The Mayor said Fireman Watson also served during the last war and held the India General Service Medal for service on the India frontier in 1919.

As chairman of the Watch Committee, Councillor A. E. Petley endorsed the commendations of the Mayor.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

RAMSGATE MEDICAL INSPECTION

In connection with the compulsory registration of children of school age a medical inspection at Ramsgate was carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Regional Authorities and the result showed that the health and condition of the children was "generally satisfactory."

The Medical Officer (Dr. J. V. Walker) was assisted at the inspections by Councillor Dr. D. P. Crawford and Dr. W. B. Loveless, who have been thanked by the Council for their services.

The report of the Health Committee, presented for confirmation at a meeting of the Council on Thursday, recommended that the attention of the Education Committee be called to the fact that the inspection carried out to meet the requirements of the Regional Authorities was not of the standard suggested by the Health Committee and they felt that steps should be taken, if possible, to procure a medical inspection of at least the standard of routine medical inspection in schools.

The Medical Officer, having reported to the committee that he is of the opinion that some arrangements should be made with the dental surgeons in the town whereby dental treatment can be obtained by expectant mothers and pre-school children, has been authorised to make the necessary arrangements and to submit to the committee a scheme for the recovery of the cost of treatment in suitable cases.

NOTHING LIKE ASKING

The report of the A.R.P. Committee presented to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday contained the following paragraph under the heading "Major H. J. Martin—car allowance, etc.":

The Town Clerk reported that Major H. J. Martin, who took up his duties as Air Raid Precautions Officer on 3rd June and left to take up another appointment on the 22nd of that month, had, in accordance with the instructions given by the committee, been paid his salary for the month of June and that Major Martin had now asked if he could receive car allowance for that period and an ex-gratia payment in lieu of salary up to 14th July, on which date his month's notice would normally have expired.

In view of the fact that Major Martin was released to take up his fresh appointment on 1st July, the committee feel that he is not entitled to payment by the Council after 30th June.

The committee recommend that he be paid in addition to his salary for the month of June car allowance at the authorised rate for that period.

The Council approved the recommendation without comment.

NO GLOVES FOR THE CHAIRMAN

Since coupons have to be surrendered for gloves, the customary presentation to the chairman of a pair of white gloves was dispensed with although there were no cases for hearing at Margate police court on Wednesday.

After applications for licensing extension had been heard the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said he was pleased to report that there were no cases to be heard.

The chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve): Are you going to mark the occasion in the usual way?

The Chief Constable: I should like to, but circumstances do not allow it.

The Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan): No coupons, I suppose?

The Chief Constable: They don't seem to be available.

YOUR LAST CHANCE—

to make sure of WINTER FEED

USE A CONTAINER. Silage making in a container is the safest method. It gives high-quality substitute for cake.

IT'S EASY TO MAKE. Pack freshly-cut grass into container. Tread thoroughly and evenly as you go. Sprinkle each layer with diluted molasses.

SILAGE FROM 1 ACRE. Each acre of reasonably good grass will yield about 3 tons of silage—more if top-dressed.

ONE SILO—6 COWS. One 15 ft. silo, with settled depth of 7 ft. provides 20 tons of silage... sufficient along with hay or other fodder crops for 6 cows yielding 2 gals. daily for 6 months.

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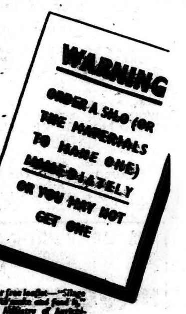

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- TOP-DRESS WITH SULPHATE OF AMMONIA TO GET A GOOD AFTERMATH
- ATTEND A SILAGE DEMONSTRATION. Watch your local press for details
- MAKE SECOND AND THIRD-QUALITY SILAGE IN CLAMP, PIT OR STACK

Send for free leaflet—"Silage—how to make and feed it," to The Ministry of Agriculture, Hotel Lindum, St. Annes-on-Sea, Lancs.

NOTE: The Government distribution allowance of 28/- per ton on all orders for Sulphate of Ammonia was withdrawn as from July 22nd.

ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

NO MONTHLY LETTER

VICAR AND ARMY REGULATIONS

Recent issues of St. Peter's "War-Time News-Sheet" — an abridged edition of the parish magazine—have included letters from the Vicar, the Rev. L. F. H. Hamel-Smith, describing his life as an Army chaplain in Northern Ireland and that of his wife and family in Eire.

In the August issue, however, "R.M." states:

"The Vicar informs me that owing to Army regulations he will be unable to write his monthly letter to this sheet."

An eight-line report of the extraordinary meeting of parishioners held on 7th July states that after hearing the Vicar's reply to the resolution passed at the annual general meeting, a motion reaffirming the view that the Vicar should resign was passed.

Vicar Defended.

In this connection Mr. William A. J. Foster, of Lulworth, North Foreland, writes to the Editor of the ADVERTISER & ECHO:

Sir,—I have read with some concern the account in your paper of the meeting of the parishioners of St. Peter's demanding the resignation of the Vicar.

Those who, like myself, are well acquainted with Mr. Hamel-Smith, and who know and have a high regard for his character and splendid service to the Church of England, are well aware that there is a great deal to be said on the other side of this unhappy controversy.

Unfortunately, being a serving officer, Mr. Hamel-Smith is not permitted by Army Regulations to contribute to the Press in any way, and is therefore debarred from making a public reply through your columns. On 2nd July the Vicar wrote to the secretary of St. Peter's Parochial Church Council, explaining this disability, and asking for an assurance that it should be brought to the notice of the meeting of parishioners, and further requesting that in the event of the meeting being reported in the Press, this disability and the report might be published together.

Mr. Hamel-Smith has received no such assurance from the Parochial Church Council, neither so far as I know, has his request been made public in any way.

Deliberately to attack a man by means of a medium through which it is known he is not permitted to defend himself, seems to me to be hardly consentient with the character of English churchmen.

[If Mr. Foster reads the report published in the ADVERTISER & ECHO of the meeting to which he refers he will find that 23 lines were devoted to the quotation of a letter received from the Vicar in reply to the resolution asking for his resignation. Ed.]

GOING GREAT GUNS

Ramsgate summer savings campaign is going great guns.

In addition to the new groups announced under the portrait of Cyril Fletcher on Page 1, another has been formed for Crescent-road, with Mrs. A. L. Hawkins, 123 Crescent-road, as secretary, and groups are in the process of formation by the Co-op Society and the residents of Addington-street.

Targets aimed at by three of the newly-formed groups are: King's Theatre, 30 steel helmets; James Wright (Ramsgate) Ltd., Tommy gun; staff of Marks and Spencer Ltd., three rifles.

A.T.C. SPORTS

THANET FLIGHTS COMPETE

The Thanet Squadron of the Air Training Corps held its first sports meeting at the Deaf and Dumb School, Margate, on Wednesday.

There was keen competition between the three flights composing the squadron—A and B (Margate) and C (Ramsgate). "A" flight finished well ahead with 28 points, "C" flight gaining 13 points and "B" flight 9 points.

E. Lawrence received the Millar Challenge Cup on behalf of the winning flight, and R. S. Cook, who won the mile event, received the R.A.F. cup. Knight, of Ramsgate, was presented with the Commanding Officer's prize for the best individual performance.

The Commanding Officer, Mr. A. E. Crispe, welcomed the visitors, and the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Bennett, wife of Wing-Commander Bennett.

The individual results were:

High jump: 1, N. Bradgate; 2, J. McHardy; 3, A. Bushell and P. Davies. 4ft. 8ins.

Long jump: 1, Knight; 2, C. Maltby; 3, A. Bayley. 14ft. 4ins.

Throwing the cricket ball: 1, R. Bushell; 2, Norris; 3, Flower. 73yds.

100yds.: 1, Knight; 2, E. Lawrence; 3, A. Claris. 12 1/5 secs.

Mile handicap: 1, R. S. Cook; 2, R. Bushell; 3, A. Bayley. 5 mins. 27 4/5 secs.

Sack race, 80yds.: 1, A. Claris; 2, Tatham; 3, A. Saxby.

220yds.: 1, E. Lawrence; 2, G. Coleman; 3, R. Maltby. 28 1/5 secs.

Mile relay: A Flight—Hudson, D. Alexander, H. R. Sayer, K. D. Brenchley. 4 mins. 36 secs.

The officials were: marshal, Mr. H. Pinder; judges, the Rev. D. V. Beckingham, Mr. E. G. Brenchley and Mr. Shanahan; clerks of course, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Reece and F/O F. A. Burgess (adjutant); starter, Mr. Pinder, senr.; time-keeper, Mr. E. G. Brenchley; dressing-room stewards, Mr. R. Walbourn and Mr. J. Parker; course runners, Corpl. P. Simmons and Cadet Fuller.

As a result of the sports the following team has been chosen to represent the Thanet Squadron at the Kent inter-squadron sports to be held at Maidstone on 16th August:

100yds.—T. Lawrence, D. Alexander, A. Claris, G. Coleman, C. Walker, P. Davies and Knight.

Mile—R. S. Cook, R. Bushell, A. Bayley, N. Bradgate, F. Maltby, C. Twyman.

Mile relay—Knight, E. Lawrence, F. Hudson and K. D. Brenchley.

MILK NOT UP TO MARK

A number of samples of milk taken in Ramsgate recently have shown deficiencies in fat.

Of ten samples taken—seven within and three outside the borough—five were deficient. The deficiencies were 16·6 per cent., 16·6 per cent., 15 per cent., 17 per cent. and 8 per cent.

The Health Committee of the Town Council have requested the Town Clerk to communicate with the Ministry of Food and Milk Marketing Board with regard to the matter and upon receipt of replies the chairman (Councillor T. H. Prestedge) has been authorised to take such steps as may be considered necessary, after consultation with the Town Clerk and the Senior Sanitary Inspector.

Three samples of self-raising flour and two of fish paste proved genuine on analysis.

COUNCIL'S SYMPATHY

In a letter to the relatives, the Gas and Water Commitee of Ramsgate Town Council have expressed their sympathy and appreciation of the services of Mr. James Holt, Water Waste Inspector, who lost his life by enemy action.

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NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Readers are invited to send to The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," with a view to publication, details concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

The "Advertiser & Echo" is pleased to undertake this service on behalf of the many Thanet people evacuated to other parts of the country, whom their local newspaper keeps in touch with their friends and events at home.

APPOINTED MATRON

Assistant matron at Ramsgate General Hospital for the past two years, Miss M. J. Charles, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed matron of the Weir Hospital, Balham, S.W.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

Well known in Thanet sporting circles, F/Sergt. Harold Regnard, who was stationed at Manston R.A.F. station before the war, has been mentioned in despatches by Air Marshal Sir Arthur Barratt "for gallant and distinguished services."

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Performing Rights.—The Performing Rights Society have agreed to accept from Ramsgate Town Council an annual fee of £14 3s. 6d. in connection with dances held at the West Cliff Theatre.

June Statistics.—In June, the births were registered at Ramsgate of eight boys and five girls. Residents who died numbered eight males and seven females.

Things we are wanting to buy—Old Gold, Silver and Jewellery, Prism and Field glasses and we are willing to pay a good price—Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Police Officers Commended.—The Watch Committee of Ramsgate Town Council have endorsed the commendation by the borough magistrates of P/S Wait and P/C Honess for their conduct in a prosecution arising out of offences under the Road Traffic Acts.

Extinguished.—After hearing a report of the Borough Treasurer, Ramsgate Town Council have written off as irrecoverable a sum of £3 6s. 6d., the amount charged a motorist for the services of the fire brigade in putting out a fire in a Jowett car in 1937.

Imperial Service Medal.—Mr. Alfred Bishop Ansell, of No. 6 Bethesda-street, Ramsgate, who recently retired, has been presented with the Imperial Service Medal for 42 years service with the General Post Office and National Telephone Company. Mr. Ansell has also received a silver fruit basket from his colleagues of the East Kent branch of the Post Office Engineering Union.

Whist Drive.—A Whist Drive in aid of the Mayor of Ramsgate's Troops Comforts Fund will be held at Clarendon House Gymnasium on Thursday next, 7th August, at 7 p.m. Tickets 1s. Come and spend a pleasant evening in a pleasant hall.

Troop Fund Whist.—At a successful whist drive organised by Mrs. D. Peete in aid of the Troops Comforts Fund and held at Clarendon House Gymnasium, Ramsgate, on Wednesday, the prize-winners were Mrs. Jenkinson, who also won a competition, Mr. Wilkenning, Mrs. Furr, Mrs. Bridgland, Mr. Long, Miss Stark, Mr. Molock and Mrs. Molock. The next drive will be held on Thursday.

War Disablement Pensions.—Ramsgate Town Council have supported a resolution from the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association asking that legislation should be introduced making provision for the granting by the Assistance Board of supplementary pensions to anyone in receipt of a war disability pension who is incapacitated by reason of severe disablement and in need.

BROADSTAIRS

Talk to Mothers.—The Rev. W. Hunt, Army chaplain, will address Broadstairs Mothers' Union at a garden meeting at St. Mary's Home on Monday.

Fresh "Aces."—The "Aces," Messrs. F. Morgan and P. Jeffrey, were defeated by Messrs. F. Carey and H. S. Price on the bowls green at Broadstairs Memorial Recreation Ground last week.

Same Post, Different Town.—Mr. F. E. Fisher, organist of Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, is now acting as organist and choirmaster of Holy Trinity Church, Bournemouth.

Broadstairs O.B.E.—Mr. Henry John Rance, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rance, of No. 2 Lyndhurst-road, Broadstairs, who is attached to the Civil Service medical staff in East Africa, has been appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire. Mr. Rance served in the R.A.M.C. for 21 years.

Twopenny Fines.—The Good Companions of St. Peter's, most of whom are actively engaged on war-time duties, have been enjoying a series of restful garden meetings, at which they have continued to knit garments for the Navy League. The members have instituted a fine of 2d. for those who neglect to carry their gas masks.

Old Comrades' Whist.—Winners at the Broadstairs Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association whist drive last week were Shipmate C. Silver, Shipmate Adams, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Danton and Mrs. Legg. Shipmate Thirkettle was M.C. On Saturday members of the branch and friends attended a social gathering held by the Margate branch.

Churchwarden Goes Coursing.—Few churchwardens, states St. Peter's "War Time News Sheet," can claim that they have gone hunting in their churchyard. It appears, however, that one Sunday Councillor H. Noble, the people's warden, accompanied by Mr. W. Wright, the parish clerk, went coursing. The reason for their unusual sporting exercise was that a young hare was trapped in the churchyard and it took their united efforts to release it.

Death of Mr. R. Green.—The death occurred at Preston Hall Hospital last week of Mr. Raymond Green, of Dunromin, Broadstairs. Mr. Green, who was 34 years of age, leaves a widow and a young son. For seven years he served with the R.A.F. and for the past three years had been employed by Messrs. Morrison and Siminson at the Broadway Garage. At one time he acted as stage manager at Bohemia and he was a member of the Broadstairs Comrades' Club. The funeral took place at St. Peter's on Saturday.

MARGATE

Nursing Flag Day.—A flag day collection at Margate in aid of the local District Nursing Association realised £85 14s. 6d.

Compensation Value.—The value of the Ship Hotel, Margate, which was demolished for the Fort-road improvement scheme, has been allowed by the East Kent Compensation Authority at £2,075.

Bowler Injured.—A generous supporter of Dane Park Bowls Club, Mr. W. J. Harris, of Edmanson-avenue, Margate, fractured his left arm when he slipped on the wet turf of his own lawn last week. Mr. Harris was taken to Margate Hospital for treatment.

Taxi-Driver's Death.—A taxi-driver in his native town of Margate for 25 years, Mr. Thomas Edward Marsh, of Canterbury-road, has died at Maidstone aged 70 years. The mourners at the funeral at Maidstone Cemetery included the widow, A/C R. E. Marsh (son) and Mrs. W. G. Shanks (daughter).

Margate to Middle East.—Gunner R. G. Brown, of Margate, who is serving with the Royal Artillery in the Middle East, was recently handed a copy of "Chamber's Journal," which he found bore the stamp of Margate Public Library. Old books and magazines from the library are handed over to the Forces.

Lifeboat Secretary.—As Mr. Leslie Arnold, hon. secretary of the Margate branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, has secured a commission in the motor boat section of the R.A.F., his duties have been taken over by Mr. A. C. Robinson, manager of the Saracen's Head Hotel. Mr. Robinson held the post prior to his temporary absence from the town last summer.

FINANCIAL FRONT

"It is more than ever necessary just now that we should strengthen our financial front by increasing genuine new savings at the rate of the six millions a week asked for by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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SPECIAL PLACES

CHATHAM HOUSE AWARDS

Evacuated to various parts of the country, Thanet boys awarded special places at Chatham House School as a result of the examination held recently are:

Ramsgate.

Dame Janet—T. Hunter, P. Blackburn, H. Blakemore, R. F. Cock, F. R. Hardwick, D. Buckley.

Christ Church—D. A. Mynheer.

St. Lawrence—K. R. Ticehurst, R. L. Skingle, D. P. Claw, A. L. Pine, E. Applegate.

St. Augustine's—K. H. McVea.

Hereson—D. W. McLeod, G. G. Humphries, P. R. A. March.

St. George's—A. J. Housden.

Holy Trinity—L. T. J. Norris.

East Cliff—T. Cramp.

Chatham House—P. M. Gardner, F. W. Alston, G. Dobson,

School not known—M. F. Stubbs.

Margate.

Drapers Mills—D. K. Chescoe, J. R. Woodward, J. F. Doughty.

Salmestone—T. M. Cousins, K. Houckham, R. A. Chapman, J. E. Horn, S. C. Whitehead, C. W. Crundwell.

Garlinge—P. J. Hollett, D. Mannings, S. N. Lowndes, C. M. Oldroyd.

Holy Trinity—R. Pope, R. Dick, A. F. Coules, F. J. Thomas.

St. Gregory's—A. J. Hogan.

Other Districts.

Birchington—P. A. Woodhams.

Westgate—J. H. Steers.

Broadstairs—R. W. J. Smith.

St. Peter's—D. Lawrence, J. M. Hawthorn, J. Vale.

Monkton—F. G. Vickers, E. C. Harris.

Boys awarded overage special places are: K. Toombs (Dame Janet School), R. Chapman (School not known), R. J. Walters (Drapers Mills), R. B. Breed (Holy Trinty, Margate), D. C. Spice and T. F. Page (Broadstairs).

MORE OR LESS?

COST OF FIRE SERVICE CHANGES

Concern lest the re-organisation of the fire service throughout the country should cast an additional burden on local authorities was expressed by Councillor W. Hawkins at the quarterly meeting of Ramsgate Town Council.

Councillor Hawkins said probably re-organisation was a good thing but whether it was good in all its aspects was another matter.

The financial aspect was causing a good deal of concern, said Councillor Hawkins, and they were anxious to know whether expenditure would be increased or lessened.

"Can we have an assurance that the Council have already heard that no further financial burden will be laid on the town because of this re-organisation, and if that question is premature can we have an assurance that the report sent to the Treasurer will be presented to the Council at an early date?" asked Councillor Hawkins.

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) said the matter as yet was only in its infancy. He thought the idea of re-organisation was to cut down expenses.

Councillor A. E. Petley, chairman of the Watch Committee, said that at the moment they did not know the answer to Councillor Hawkins' first question. He thought that in future the relation of the fire service to the town would be similar to that of the police.

THE TROOPERS

A BIG HAND FOR MAYOR'S CONCERT PARTY

A crowded audience gave a big hand to the Troopers' Concert Party, produced and presented by the Mayor of Ramsgate, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, at the West Cliff Theatre on Sunday.

Although over a thousand ticket holders were squeezed into the building, several hundred people had to be turned away from the doors owing to lack of space. For their benefit, the party, which was originally formed to entertain the troops at isolated outposts, have arranged to give another public concert on 24th August.

All Ramsgate amateurs, the Troopers gave a performance that contained most of the ingredients of the professional concert party and although the long programme consisted of over 20 individual items every one was encored.

Not only did the Mayor present and produce the show but, in the absence of Sid Browning, he was also responsible for the greater part of the lighter side of the entertainment, which included his appearance in a sketch he had written himself and in two comedy songs that indicated his partiality for scented soap as well as for doughnuts with jam in the middle—the latter a taste shared by Kiddy Martell, who scored a great success when she joined the Mayor in the chorus. The sketch, "A Sporting Afternoon," in which Alderman Kempe figured as a bookmaker, demonstrated that betting, whatever may be said for or against it in its proper place, is not a pastime to be encouraged at an afternoon tea party.

The concert was given a promising send-off by Hilda Richards, whose introduction as the oomph girl was fully justified, and was finished off in style, with her gloves in her hand and her hat on one side, by Winnie Martell.

In between there were songs by Mary Richards, the little girl who has won the title of Ramsgate's Shirley Temple, the Two Jacks—Heritage and Yorath—Diane Maxted, John Wrightson, Gwen Taylor and Gloria Knight; comedy numbers by Stan and Beryl; monologues grave and gay by Jack Cooper and accordion solos by Reg Taney, in whom the Troopers are also fortunate to have found a most helpful and sympathetic accompanist.

Two guest artistes, Gnr. Masslem, a robust vocalist, and Gnr. Pat Patterson, a self-contained duettist, scored heavily, and the tedium of the interval was relieved by the infectiously rhythmic contributions of the Q dance band, composed of young but capable military musicians.

At the close of the concert, which was in aid of the Mayor's Services Comforts Fund, the company presented a bouquet to Mrs. Peete in appreciation of her services as organiser.

CAPTURED IN AFRICA

Dvr. James Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Berry, of No. 47 Gladstone-road, Broadstairs, who was previously reported missing, is a prisoner of war.

In a postcard home, Dvr. Berry wrote "I hope you don't take this too hard, but it wasn't my luck to get away. Nothing to worry about, quite well and still smiling."

Dvr. Berry, who was formerly on the staff of St. Peter's Court School as a chef, joined the Army soon after the outbreak of war. He was drafted overseas and was evacuated from Dunkirk. Again sent overseas, he was captured while on service in Africa.

BROTHERS KILLED

MORE R.A. LOSSES

Two Ramsgate brothers, Gnrs. Richard Albert Dunn, aged 27 years, and Sydney George Dunn, aged 24 years, sons of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Dunn, formerly of Newington-road, and now living at Staines-road, Twickenham, have both lost their lives while on active service with the Royal Artillery in the Middle East.

Some weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were informed that their sons were missing. They then heard that Richard had been killed, and less than a week later came the tragic news that Sidney had also lost his life.

Richard formerly carried on business as a barber at Newington-road.

Two other brothers, Frederick and Edward, are on service with H.M. Forces.

Boys' Brigade Loss.

A few days before he would have celebrated his 23rd birthday, L/Bdr. Eric Loader, R.A., son of ex-P/C and Mrs. Fred Loader, formerly of Effingham-street, Ramsgate, and now at Deanlands Farm, Sharpthorne, near East Grinstead, has also lost his life in the Middle East.

A Christ Church schoolboy, L/Bdr. Loader afterwards joined the staff of Messrs. Vye and Son, grocers, of Queen-street, Ramsgate, and, together with other members of the staff serving with the Territorial Army, was mobilised on the outbreak of war.

L/Bdr. Loader was at one time drill instructor to the Congregational Church Boys Brigade.

Gnr. Hammon Killed.

A few days after she had received news that her son, Gnr. Ernest Hammon, R.A., was missing, Mrs. R. E. Hammon, of No. 3 Eagle-hill, Ramsgate, received a telegram stating that he had been killed in action in the Middle East.

Mrs. Hammon, widow of the late Mr. Walter Hammon, is at present living at Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.

Gnr. Hammon, who was 21 years of age, attended Ellington School, and at the time of mobilisation with the Territorials was employed by Messrs. Horne, builders.

Gnr. Hammon's brother, Walter, is serving with The Buffs.

Reported Missing.

Another missing Royal Artilleryman is L/Bdr. Albert Turner, of No. 12 Bright's-place, Ramsgate.

Eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner, formerly of Ellington-road, Ramsgate, L/Bdr. Turner attended Ellington School.

In civilian life he was a vanman employed by the County Laundry. He joined the Territorial Army in February, 1939, and was called up six months later.

Bdr. D. Ledger.

Bdr. Douglas Ledger, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ledger, of The Elms, Sarre, has been posted as missing in the Middle East as from 2nd June.

Formerly racing manager at Dumpton Park Greyhound Racecourse, Mr. Ledger, who is now an official at Wembley Stadium, would be grateful for any news of his son which may have been received by parents in Ramsgate from Bdr. Ledger's colleagues.

A FRIENDLY WORLD

RECTOR AND RUSSIA

Commenting on the fact that armies of millions, with their terrific engines of war undreamed of before, are locked together in a death struggle on the Russian border, the Rector of Broadstairs, the Rev. C. H. Bailey, writes in the August issue of Holy Trinity Church magazine:

What can we do to aid Russia and bring down those scales on the side of freedom, justice and mercy? Well, of course, by each of us doing our part in working with all our might, and exercising self-restraint in spending as little as possible upon our own pleasures and in restraint in food and clothes, and by trying to be a cheerful and helpful neighbour. Our country showed a glorious courage a year ago in standing up alone to the enemy, we must back that up by endurance to the end.

But cannot we Christians do more than this? Of course we can; we can pray, and so make the most effective contribution of all to the ultimate triumph of right and a just peace. But we must pray and strive for God's will and kingdom and not our own will and advantage. We must not merely pray that Russian arms may be successful so that our country may be delivered and secure, but that Russia herself, freed from enemies without, may also be freed from materialism within; and that she may seek to promote not only the material and temporal welfare of all her people but their spiriual and eternal welfare also; that the Christian religion may again be freely taught and practised throughout the land, and their Church, purged by persecution and exile, restored to lead the people in the ways of God. So, too, it is not merely our own safety and prosperity that we are praying for, but that, secure in a friendly world, we may build up the kingdom of God in our midst and make our contribution to the welfare of all nations.

OCTOGENARIAN'S FATAL FALL

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the Deputy Coroner, Mr. J. H. Robinson, at an inquest held at Margate on Tuesday on Mrs. Mary Florence Skiffins, a widow, of 15 Adrian-square, Westgate, who died on the previous Sunday, aged 80 years.

Mrs. Skiffins fractured her left thigh when she slipped on a step and fell backwards at her house on 14th March but was able to return home from hospital on 7th June.

Dr. E. J. Bradley said Mrs. Skiffins was able to get out of bed while still wearing a splint but her death was accelerated by the shock of the accident and the fracture.

BIRCHINGTON

Vicar's School Closes.—In view of the system of home service tuition for children instituted by Margate Education Committee the school being run for the local children by the Vicar of Birchington (Rev. N. M. Granville Sharpe) has been closed. The school had over a hundred pupils, who gave a display in the grounds of Woodford House School on Friday.

Pillar Box Garden Party.—As a result of the pillar box garden party in aid of the funds of St. Saviour's Church, Westgate, held in the grounds of Rowena Court Hotel recently, the sum of about £65 was raised. The event was organised by the Rev. N. M. Granville Sharpe, vicar of All Saints', Birchington.

MISSED THE SIGN

ARMY LORRY DRIVER IN COURT

A soldier driving a lorry, who, when he failed to obey a halt sign, almost knocked a policeman from his cycle, appeared at Ramsgate police court on Friday.

Gnr. George Gardiner, aged 23, was summoned for failing to observe the sign at the junction of Chatham-street and Boundary-road on 23rd July.

P/O Weller said he was cycling down Chatham-street when the lorry driven by defendant emerged from Park-road without stopping and continued down Boundary-road towards the gas works. The lorry was being driven at a fast pace and witness called out to defendant to stop. After the lorry had gone a further 61 paces defendant brought it to a standstill.

Witness said he asked defendant why he did not stop at the sign and he said "I slowed down. I had a load up and my brakes were not good." He tested the brakes and although they were not good they were good enough to have enabled defendant to pull up at the halt sign.

An officer said defendant's military character was exemplary and he had driven thousands of miles without an accident.

The case was dismissed on payment of 4s. costs.

CLUB SWEETS

YOUNG SOLDIERS CHARGED

Two soldiers appeared before Ramsgate magistrates on Friday charged with being concerned together the previous day in stealing a quantity of chocolate and gums, value £2 5s. 7d. from the Red Shield Club, High-street, Ramsgate, the property of the William Booth Training College, Denmark-hill, London.

Defendants were Pte. Joseph Patrick Schroder, aged 21, and Pte. Patrick Thomas Walsh, aged 20.

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) said he did not propose to call any evidence that morning as there were further enquiries to be made.

The case was adjourned until next Monday, defendants being allowed bail in their own recognisances in the sum of £2 each

LOSS TO ST. PETER'S

DEATH OF MRS. MOCKETT

Widow of Mr. Sherwood Mockett, whose family have been closely associated with the life of St. Peter's for many years, Mrs. Laura Mockett, of The Orchard, Church-street, passed away peacefully at Midhurst, Kent, last week, aged 85 years.

It was Mrs. Mockett's request that there should be no flowers and no mourning.

JOURNALIST'S GEORGE MEDAL

Among the recipients of the George Medal at a recent investiture held by the King was Sub-Officer H. H. Kinlan, of the London Fire Brigade, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Kinlan, of Margate.

A journalist who was successively on the staff of newspapers at Margate, Canterbury and Woolwich before the war, S/O Kinlan became a full-time member of the London A.F.S., and earned his award for bravery during a fire at a high explosive factory in the first week of the London blitz last September.

SOLDIER'S GALLANT ACTION

The gallant action of a soldier serving in the South Eastern Command has been placed on record.

A grenade, thrown by one of a party engaged in grenade-throwing practice struck the front wall of the throwing bay and rebounded into the bay.

891833 A/L/Sergt. Dean at once picked up the live grenade and threw it out of the trench. The grenade exploded harmlessly just outside the throwing bay.

By his courage and presence of mind, L/Sergt. Dean averted an accident which would have caused serious casualties.

KEPT THE WEATHER WARM

One classic mistake has become a standing joke throughout the Meteorological Service which supplies weather reports to stations of the R.A.F. Coastal Command.

A village schoolmistress was asked to act as the local "Met." informant and agreed. Instruments, barometers, thermometers were placed in her care and in special boxes at the bottom of her garden. All she had to do was to check the readings every morning and telegraph them to headquarters.

For a while all went well. Then the "Met." headquarters staff noticed a strange elevation in the daily temperatures at this village. It was inconsistent with the temperatures of the surrounding localities. An official went to investigate.

"I didn't want to get wet going to the bottom of the garden to look at these instruments, so I brought them nearer the house," was the schoolmistress' explanation when the instruments were found carefully placed against the wall of the house near the kitchen stove!

NEW SAVINGS STAMPS

The famous Fiery Cross design which appears on the 2s. 6d. savings stamps is now appearing on the sixpenny savings stamps which have previously borne the Britannia head design.

The new sixpenny stamps, printed in blue, are being put on sale to Savings Group secretaries in books containing £1 worth of stamps. The new stamps will not be available to the general public, however, until the present Britannia head issue is exhausted.

Books containing £5 worth of 2s. 6d. savings stamps are now available for purchase by Savings Group secretaries only.

EAST KENT FIRE COMMANDERS

Under the national fire fighting scheme, the Home Secretary has appointed Mr. G. H. Robinson, superintendent in the London Fire Brigade, to the command of the East Kent area, with Mr. T. S. Harrison, chief officer of Rochester, Chatham and Gillingham Brigade, as deputy commander.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	...	10.27 p.m.—5.45 a.m.
Wednesday		10.26 p.m.—5.46 a.m.
Thursday	..	10.24 p.m.—5.48 a.m.
Friday	...	10.22 p.m.—5.49 a.m.
Saturday	...	10.20 p.m.—5.6 a.m.
Sunday	...	9.3 p.m.—5.7 a.m.
Monday	...	9.1 p.m.—5.9 a.m.

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TEMPLAR TRIBUTES

FUNERAL OF MR. C. J. BRITTON

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Thursday of Mr. Charles James Britton, for 46 years a member of the Advance Lodge, International Order of Good Templars, who died at Stafford, aged 67.

Mr. Britton, who formerly carried on business in Albert-street, Ramsgate, was working until the Wednesday prior to his death on 26th July.

In addition to being a member of the Advance Lodge, Mr. Britton was also a member of the East Kent District Lodge and his widow has held office as district treasurer.

Tributes to Mr. Britton's memory were paid at the quarterly meeting of the Advance Lodge, held at the Foresters' Hall, Ramsgate, and the funeral was attended by many prominent local members of the Order.

The service, conducted by the Rev. P. M. Townend, Vicar of Christ Church, was followed by a Good Templar service carried out by Mr. W. H. Jacobsen, D.C., representing Mr. H. Jeffery, D.C.T., Mr. E. A. Knight, P.D.C.T., and Mr. T. Wright, C.C.T.

The mourners included Mrs. Britton (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Hope (daughter and son-in-law), Mrs. Fairbrass (sister), Mr. H. Britton (brother), Mrs. East (sister), Miss Ivy Britton (daughter), Mrs. C. Caspell, Mrs. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Pointer and Mr. H. Hurst.

Among the many floral tributes were wreaths from: His sorrowing Wife; Ethel and Norman (daughter and son-in-law); Sister Frances and family (Stafford); Norma, Betty and Brian (grandchildren); Ivy (daughter); Brother Harry and Sister Nell; Sister Nan and family (Wandsworth); Mr. and Mrs. Redwood and son (Stafford); Mr. and Mrs. Dix and Mr. and Mrs. Ball (Stafford); Wal, Jen and son (Brockley); Mr. and Mrs. Haynes (Stafford); Mrs. Latham (Erith); Uncle Jack and cousins (Southend); Alice and Billy (workmates) (Stafford); Mrs. Warden (Ramsgate); Mrs. Drayson and family (Ramsgate); Thanet Templars' Convention No. 448; Officers and members of Sunbeam Lodge; Officers and members of Advance Lodge No. 971; Bob, Win and family (Sheerness); Mr. and Mrs. H. Jeffery (Ashford); an old friend, J.R. (Stafford); Cousin Winifred (Leighton Buzzard); Frank, Jen and family (Liverpool); Charlie and Flo (Broadstairs); Mrs. Defoe and Hilda (Luton); Harry and all at No. 62 (Ramsgate); Members of the Ramsgate Brotherhood; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Knight (Ramsgate); Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hunt and family (Ramsgate); Mr. and Mrs. F. Warden (Ramsgate); Mr. and Mrs. R. Colegate and family (Stafford); Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and family, 4 Addington-street, Ramsgate; Mr. and Mrs. Venner (neighbours, Ramsgate); Miss A. Martin (Stafford); Ernie, Win and Margaret (Luton); Alf, Will, Ruby, Muriel and Jack (Lee Green); Polly and family (Stafford); Bibs, Jack and family (Ramsgate); Mr. and Mrs. Solly and Mr. and Mrs. Stirrups (neighbours, Ramsgate); Albert, Annie and boys (Erith).

Funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street.

DIED AFTER GARDENING

After he had done some rather heavy work in the garden the previous day, Mr. William Joseph Cosway Revell, of Addington-square, Margate, died suddenly in the early hours of Sunday morning last week.

Sixty-eight years of age, Mr. Revell had for some years suffered from heart trouble but seemed in good health when he was working in the garden. He awoke in considerable pain early the following morning and died before the arrival of a doctor.

A post mortem examination showed that death was due to natural causes.

GAS SECRETARY'S RETIREMENT

The Gas and Water Committee of Ramsgate Town Council have placed on record on the minutes appreciation of the services of the secretary to the department, Mr. F. G. Sale, who has retired after 46½ years' service.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Fagg.—24th July, at Folly Farm Maternity Home, Berkshire, the wife of Fred Fagg (née Bishop), of Ramsgate, the gift of a son.

Holden.—27th July, at 45 Ashburnham-road, Ramsgate, to Doris, wife of Corpl. R. P. Holden, R.A.F., a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Shearwood—Bligh.—24th July, at St. Michael's Church, Cheriton, Hants, by the Rev. H. Brownlow, Sergt. Robert C. Shearwood, R.A.F., of Cheriton, to Yvonne Bligh, of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Bowyer.—24th July, at Cirencester Hospital, Samuel Peter Bowyer, formerly of Warten-road, Ramsgate, aged 75 years.

Britton.—26th July, at Holmcroft Estate, Stafford, Charles James Britton, formerly of Albert-street, Ramsgate, aged 67 years.

Blackburn.—27th July, at 3 Coleman-crescent, Ramsgate, residence of her daughter, Rose Blackburn, aged 74 years.

Green.—28th July, at Preston Hall, Raymond Green, of Broadstairs, aged 34 years.

Mockett.—29th July, at Midhurst, Laura Mockett, of St. Peter's-in-Thanet, aged 85 years.

RETURN THANKS

The Sons and Daughters of Mrs. Rose Blackburn wish to return thanks to all friends who sent beautiful floral tributes in their sad and sudden bereavement.
—3 Coleman-crescent, Ramsgate.

Mrs. C. J. Britton and family wish to thank the many sympathisers for their kind letters of consolation and also for the beautiful floral tributes received, to the Good Templars and Ramsgate Brotherhood, and Mr. Maskell for the funeral arrangements.

Miles.—In ever-loving memory of my dear husband, Ernest Arthur Miles, who died so suddenly on 8th August, 1938, aged 48.

The grey clouds chase themselves across the blue sky for an inscrutable purpose;
The sun shines, God smiles, and all is well.
—From Ethel and his daughter Marjorie, now at Rickmansworth, Herts.

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